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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Executive Director  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff

SUBJECT: Re-organizing the SALT Monitoring Working Group  
(OUO)

1. This memorandum outlines a problem, lays out a course of action to seek solutions, and offers you an opportunity to concur. (U)

2. The SALT Monitoring Working Group has met for many years to review the SALT Monitoring Report, to address the evidence on intelligence issues which bear on SALT matters (such as the SS-16 ICBM at Plesetsk), to give early warning to policymakers that such intelligence issues are coming, and other useful activities. Recently, however, three key members of the Working Group have been replaced with three new players [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And this Administration has embarked on START, as well as raised verification -- and monitoring -- to a new level of importance. With the passage of time, the new members, and this Administration's focus, I think it would be useful to have the Monitoring Working Group now consider some key questions; that is,

- the purpose(s) of the Working Group today?
- the Working Group's name?
- the Working Group's membership?

One question I don't think merits attention is: how does the Working Group report to you? (C)

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3. In my view, a reasonable course of action -- subject to your concurrence -- is to call the Working Group together (after appropriate preparation by all) and discuss the key questions in paragraph 2 above. (I have not discussed any of these ideas with the Working Group, and I do not know what they think about the concept.) The end-result would be a short, coordinated memo to you expressing the consensus (if any) and the separate views (if any). If you have any constraints, or desire to expand the menu, that would be fine with me. (U)

4. If I may do more here usefully, please call and let me know. (U)

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LOOKS GOOD - WE'LL  
ADJUST AS NEED  
SUGGESTS - THANKS

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